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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Please amend this application simultaneously with filing the  
accompanying translation and this USA National Stage application  
as follows:

IN THE ABSTRACT

(UNNUMBERED PAGE 11)

Lines 1-4, delete "VDO ... 3438"

Line 10, delete "according ... invention,"

Line 18, delete "(Figure 5)"

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